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How Farmers Can Help



NEW POLLINATOR LAW BRINGS CHANGES IN USE OF PESTICIDES, CREATION OF HABITAT

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky would like to make the agricultural community aware of a new law that establishes a host of requirements regarding pollinator health and habitat that are crucial to many aspects of agricultural production.

The law takes effect immediately after being passed unanimously by both houses of the General Assembly and signed into law last week by Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

Pollinators are defined in the law as organisms that spread pollen between flowers, such as bees and butterflies.

The law restricts the use of "neonicotinoid" pesticides that impact a pollinator's nervous system, including clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam.

It also will apply to any other pesticide that is determined will kill at least 50-percent of a bee population when up to two micrograms of the pesticide is applied to each bee.

That "restricted use" classification will be made by the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), after consultation with the CT Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES).

The classification requires that the pesticides are to be applied only by, or under the direct supervision of a certified applicator, or subject to other restrictions the DEEP commissioner imposes through regulations.

The law prohibits applying neonicotinoid labeled for treating plants to any plant with blossoms, unless the plant is

grown in a greenhouse inaccessible to pollinators and application is consistent with best management strategies for growing annuals, perennials, trees, and shrubs that will be safe for pollinators after the plants are purchased and planted. It also prohibits applying neonicotinoid insecticides to linden or basswood trees in the state.

The law requires the Agriculture Commissioner by Jan. 1, 2017 to work with CAES and DEEP to develop best practices for minimizing airborne liberation of neonicotinoid insecticide dust from treated seeds, and for mitigating the dust's effects on pollinators.

Best practices must include:

- Methods for minimizing dust when dispensing treated seeds from a seed bag into seed planter equipment.
- Guidance on how to position vacuum system discharge from seed planter equipment so that the discharge is directed at the soil.
- Timeframes for mowing flowering vegetation adjacent to crop fields.
- Identification of weather conditions that minimize dust drift.
- Suggestions for using seed lubricants to effectively minimize dust drift.

All three involved agencies must post the best practices on their websites by Feb. 15, 2017 so they are available to farmers and the general public.

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	72.00	76.50
boners 80-85% lean	71.00	76.50
lean 88-90% lean	67.00	72.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	118.00	122.50
Choice 2-3	115.50	119.00
Sel 1-2	112.00	116.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	113.50	116.00
Ch 2-3	104.00	111.00
Sel 1-2	97.00	103.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	115.50	116.50
Ch 2-3	109.00	115.00
Select 1-2	105.00	110.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 102-122 lbs	143.00	150.00
No 1 90-95 lbs	160.00	170.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-50 lbs	255.00	270.00
50-60 lbs	255.00	280.00
60-70 lbs	232.00	245.00
80-90 lbs	222.00	240.00
90-110 lbs	207.00	230.00
110-130 lbs	195.00	220.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	100.00	100.00
120-160 lbs	80.00	102.00
160-200 lbs	75.00	90.00
200-300 lbs	60.00	100.00
BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	75.00	95.00
200-300 lbs	60.00	100.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	195.00	210.00
60-80 lbs	225.00	235.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:		
Sel 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	225.00	245.00
130-180 lbs	247.00	275.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
80-100 lbs	260.00	280.00
100-150 lbs	285.00	300.00
150-250 lbs	340.00	365.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	48.00	51.00
	300-350 lbs	44.00	47.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	44.00	48.50
	300-400 lbs	34.00	34.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	31.00	33.50
	500-600 lbs	35.00	36.50
	600-800 lbs	40.50	44.50
Boars	200-300 lbs	10.00	19.00
	400-800 lbs	4.00	4.00

N. HOLLAND, PA. FEEDER PIGS

US 1-2	10-20 lbs	190.00	210.00
	50-60 lbs	175.00	180.00
US 2-3	10-30 lbs	240.00	260.00
	30-40 lbs	200.00	210.00
	40-50 lbs	230.00	230.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	14.00
APPLES, EMPIRE, #1, 120,140	15.00	16.00
APPLES, MACS, FCY,120,140	17.00	17.00
APPLES,MACS, XFCY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLES, MACS, XFCY, 80, 88	26.00	26.00
APPLE, MACS, #1, 120, 140	15.00	16.00
APPLES, MACS, FCY,12-3LB	15.00	15.00
APPLES, RED DEL, TRYPK,125	16.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	5.00	6.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	13.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	65.00	65.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB BAGS	23.00	23.00
TOM,CHRY,GHSE,ONVIN,5 LB	16.00	18.00
TOMS, CHRRY, GHSE, 8-10 OZ	18.00	20.00
TOMS,ONVINE, GHSE,11 LBS	16.00	16.00
TOMS,GHSE,VINERPIPE, 25 LBS	18.00	18.00

SHIPPED IN

ASPARAGUS,NJ,LG, 28 LB	80.00	84.00
BLUEBERRIES,GA,12-1PT	28.00	28.00
BOK CHOY, FL, 50 LBS	32.00	36.00
BOKCHOY,BABY, FL, 30 LBS	24.00	27.00
CABBAGE, RED, GA, 50 LBS	17.00	18.00
CARROTS, GA, JMBO, 50 LBS	17.00	19.00
CELERY, FL, 2 DOZ	14.00	15.00
CHERRIES,CA,16LBS,9.5,BAGS	85.00	90.00
CHOY SUM, LONG, CA, 30 LBS	35.00	35.00
COLLARDS, GA, 24	12.00	13.00
CORN, BICOLOR,FL,4-41/2 DZ	12.00	16.00
CUKE, PICKLE, FL,150-200,1-1/9	23.00	24.00
DANDELION GRN, TX, 12 BNCH	16.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, FL, MED, 1-1/9	16.00	20.00
ENDIVE, FL, 24	16.00	16.00
ESCAROLE, FL, 1-1/9, 24	18.00	18.00
GAI CHOY, CA, PER LB	1.00	1.00
GARLIC, ELEPHNT,CA, 10 LBS	40.00	42.00
GINGER ROOT, HI, 30 LBS	50.00	50.00
LEEKs, NJ, 12	18.00	18.00
LETT,BSTN, NJ, 24	18.00	20.00
LET, GRN LEAF, NJ, 24	22.00	24.00
LET, RED LEAF, NJ, 24	22.00	24.00
MACHE, GHSE, PA, 3LBS	12.00	12.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.00	6.50
MESCLUN MIX, ORG, CA, 3 LBS	8.00	8.00
MUSHRM,WHT,ORG,PA,12/8OZ	17.00	17.00
MUSHRM, SHITAKE, PA, 3 LBS	14.00	15.00
MUSHRM, OYSTER, PA, 3 LBS	13.00	13.25
MUSTARD, GA, BNCHED, 24	14.00	15.00
NECTARINE,CA,25 LBS,70-72	34.00	36.00
OPO SQUASH, CA, 35 LBS	42.00	42.00
PEACHES, CA, 48	33.00	33.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, 30 LBS	46.00	48.00
PEPPER,CUBANELLE,FL, 1-1/9	24.00	26.00
RADISHES, NJ, BNCH, 2 DOZ	15.00	15.00
RHUBARB, GHS, MI, 10 LBS	30.00	30.00
RHUBARB,OPN FLD,MI, 20LBS	40.00	45.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, BNCH, 24	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, FL, 1/2 BU	8.00	12.00
STRAWBRY,CA, ORG, 8-1 LB	22.00	22.00
SWISS CHARD, RED, CA, 12	16.00	16.00
TURNIP TOPS, GA, 24	14.00	15.00
ZUCCHINI, FL, SM, 1/2 BU	10.00	12.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - May 9, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	60.00	65.00
61-75 lbs.	95.00	110.00
76-90 lbs.	115.50	122.50
91-105 lbs.	125.00	127.50
106 lbs. & up	130.00	135.00
Farm Calves	137.50	140.00
Starter Calves	55.00	68.00
Veal Calves	115.00	195.00
Open Heifers	80.00	130.00
Beef Heifers	75.00	98.00
Feeder Steers	105.00	165.00
Beef Steers	96.00	121.00
Stock Bulls	90.00	120.00
Beef Bulls	85.00	120.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	n/a	n/a
Lambs each	180.00	270.00
Goats each	75.00	300.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	220.00
Canners	up to	73.00
Cutters	74.00	79.00
Utility Grade Cows	80.00	85.00
Rabbits each	7.00	50.00
Chickens each	4.00	20.00
Ducks each	10.00	32.50

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.67	.83
LARGE	.61	.75
MEDIUM	.48	.61

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.13	1.29
LARGE	1.05	1.20
MEDIUM	.65	.75
SMALL	.53	.60

USDA WHOLESALE HERBS

Anise, CA, 18	35.00	35.00
Arrugula, Baby,FL,21-1/2 lb	12.00	12.00
Chives, MA or NH,1 lb	10.00	10.00
Cilantro,NJ,1/2 Bruce Crt, 24	20.00	20.00
Dill, NJ, 24	14.00	20.00
Horseradish, IL, 5 lbs	13.00	14.00
Lemon Grass, CA, per lb	2.50	3.00
Mint, NJ, 12, 1/2 bu	12.00	14.00
Oregano, FL, 1 lb bag	8.00	9.00
Parsley, NJ, 60	32.00	32.00
Rosemary, FL, 1 lb, 12 bnch	7.00	9.00
Sage, FL, 1 lb, 12 bnch	7.00	9.00
Tarragon, 1 lb, 12 bnch	8.00	10.00
Thyme, CA, 1 lb, 12 bnch	7.00	11.00
Watercress, FL, 12 bnches	10.50	12.00

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

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44-R. 2 row water wheel transplanter with 3 different size planting shoes. \$1,800.00. Call 860-786-7486.

45-R. Retiring from farming. Greenhouse and vegetable equipment for sale. www.wagonroadgreenhouse.com for pictures and details.

47-R. For Sale: Model 580B backhoe loader. \$4,500.00. Ford 8N. \$1,000.00. Sylvan Tetrault 860-684-3458.

48-R. For Sale: IH 886 Tractor. Very, very nice. Super clean; only 2,550 hours. Too many good things to list. 203-283-4472. If no answer, please leave message. Cell # 203-516-1693.

49-R. For Sale: Parts for Grimm hay tedders. Also, rough lumber. Sylvan Tetrault. 860-684-3458.

50. Ford 101 2 bottom breakaway plow. \$400.00. MF 2 row planter with fertilizer hopper. Multiple seed discs. \$600.00. JD 48" plastic layer. \$500.00 O.B.O. East Killingly. Call 860-779-2107.

51-R. New Holland 7 foot Haybine 472. Call 860-859-1965.

WANTED

17-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/Softwood. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

52-R. Hoop Houses-Disassembled with all hardware and ready to transport. Somers, CT. call 203-544-8411. Lv msg.

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24-R. The Connecticut Military Department has indoor stalls for lease at the Governor's Horse Guard facilities in Avon and Newtown. Monthly rate is \$350.00. For further information, please visit our website at www.ct.gov/mil/stall-lease or call 860-524-4968. Proceeds benefit Connecticut Governor's Horse Guards.

CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION

53-R. Vegetable Grower wanted, PT/FT. Farm owners looking for the right person to expand farm's existing acreage in production to include vegetables. Please contact Charles for information at 203-214-1408 or crbeasely@albertus.edu.

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The bill also requires CAES to compile a citizen's guide to model pollinator habitat by Jan. 1, 2017 and to make it available on its website.

The guide must provide information on and the steps for establishing a succession of flowers, wildflowers, vegetables, weeds, herbs, ornamental plants, cover crops, and legumes to attract honeybees and other pollinators.

It must suggest groupings or clumpings of plantings to create a long season of continuous bloom. The guide must also provide information on how to protect important nesting sites for honeybees and other pollinators.

The law also has implications for the Farmland Preservation and Community Farms Preservation programs, under which the Dept. of Agriculture purchases a farm's development rights in exchange for a deed restriction that mandates the farm must forever remain available for agricultural production.

The Agriculture Commissioner may require that the preserved land be managed according to a conservation plan. If so, the law requires that such a plan include establishment of model pollinator habitat.

The bill also:

- Requires the Agriculture Commissioner and the commissioners of DEEP and CAES to jointly report to the General Assembly's Environment Committee on the potential effects of applying current statutory and regulatory restrictions and licensing requirements for pesticide spraying to planting seeds treated with neonicotinoids.
- The report must analyze the consistency of applying the restrictions with federal law; any potential effects of the changes on the state's agriculture, including improved pollinator health and expenses and delays; and the administrative resources needed to oversee the restrictions. It is due by March 1, 2017.
- Requires the state entomologist to report, by January 1, 2017, to the Environment Committee on the conditions that cause an increase in varroa mites (parasitic mites) that affect honeybee and other pollinator populations in Connecticut.
- Establishes a Pollinator Advisory Committee appointed by the Director of CAES to inform legislators on pollinator issues;
- Sets minimum employment credentials for apiary inspectors appointed by the state entomologist. Inspectors have access at reasonable times to any apiary or place where bees are kept or where honeycomb and appliances are stored.
- requires inspectors to have at least five years of beekeeping experience or three years of bee inspector experience at the state or federal level. They must also meet the qualifications for a CAES Agricultural Research Technician II.
- Specifies that Connecticut Siting Council orders to restore or revegetate in certain rights-of-way must include provisions for model pollinator habitat.

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- Requires reports on the effect of applying current pesticide spraying requirements to the planting of neonicotinoid-treated seeds; conditions leading to an increase in varroa mites; and) areas where the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) can replace turf grass with native plants and model pollinator habitat.
- Allows the DOT commissioner to plant vegetation with pollinator habitat, including flowering vegetation, in deforested areas along state highway rights-of-way if there are federal funds available for the planting.
- Authorizes the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to identify ways to foster development that increases pollinator habitat.
- Allows the Agriculture Commissioner, in conjunction with the DEEP commissioner, to establish a fine for violations of the plant application ban.

UConn OFFERING SUMMER RIDING LESSONS

UConn is offering summer horseback riding lessons in Polo, Western, Trail, Hunt Seat, and Dressage at its Storrs campus.

Lessons are open to children 11 or older (Trail-13 years and older) and adults. Beginner to advanced levels will be offered by the university's Animal Science department.

There are several 2 and 3 week sessions available during the months of May through August. Cost is \$70.00 to \$315.00 per session, which are group lessons including six to eight students

Lessons will be held at the horse arena on Horsebarn Hill Road.

For more details please visit:

UConnSummerRiding.UConn.edu

ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS STIFFENED FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS

Punishment for repeat offenders of Connecticut's animal-cruelty laws has doubled under a bill passed unanimously last week by the General Assembly.

A first offense of malicious and intentional animal cruelty (maliciously or intentionally maiming, mutilating, torturing, wounding, or killing an animal) is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison, a \$5,000 fine, or both.

Under the new law that takes effect Oct. 1, 2016, punishment for subsequent offenses increased from a Class D felony to a Class C felony, punishable by imprisonment of one to 10 years, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

Certain other animal cruelty offenses, including failing to provide proper care, food, and water to animals, are punishable by imprisonment of up to one year, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both for a first offense. A subsequent

Those charged with a class C felony are ineligible for the state's accelerated rehabilitation program, a pretrial diversionary program for certain criminal defendants, unless good cause is shown.

The law exempts the following from the malicious and intentional animal cruelty statute:

- Anyone following generally accepted agricultural practices.
- Anyone lawfully taking wildlife.
- A licensed veterinarian following accepted standards of practice.
- Anyone following statutorily approved methods of slaughter.
- Anyone performing medical research as an employee, student, or person associated with a hospital, educational institution, or laboratory.

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